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## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

## Statement on Opposition Verdicts in Azerbaijan

As delivered by Deputy Chief of Mission Paul W. Jones to the Permanent Council, Vienna October 28, 2004

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States has taken note of the statement issued by the OSCE Office in Baku on October 22 regarding the verdicts and sentencing handed down to seven opposition members in Azerbaijan.

The United States shares the concerns expressed in this statement and reserves the right to address this issue in more detail at the next Permanent Council.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman